

I am deeply troubled by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary in the middle of the election season.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

But as media becomes more and more consolidated, and large companies control the airwaves, the public are the ones to suffer. Instead of something

produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.